

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 220

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 15, 2005 as "Tennessee
Cancer Control Awareness Day."

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the citizens of Tennessee to work together as a people and as a State to increase our understanding of cancer, find effective screening and prevention strategies, and develop improved therapies for cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is continuing its fight against this dreaded disease by mobilizing men, women, and children to join the fight against cancer through raising cancer awareness and planning community fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death in Tennessee, and Tennessee ranks sixth in cancer mortality in the United States; and

WHEREAS, lung, breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer are the four most common types of cancer resulting in death in Tennessee, and in 2004, the overall cost of cancer in Tennessee was 3.9 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, every Tennessean is at risk to develop some type of cancer in his or her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of every Tennessean is enhanced as a direct result of efforts to increase awareness about all types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to designate a day to raise cancer awareness for the public good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that for the purposes delineated in the preamble, we hereby designate May 15, 2005 " as Tennessee Cancer Control Awareness Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly does hereby call upon all Tennesseans to observe "Tennessee Cancer Control Awareness Day" by participating in appropriate educational events and public service projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.